

PARISH OF ESHER

CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER with ST GEORGE'S, WEST END

Growing together in Faith, Hope and Love

BAPTISM OF CHRIST (translated)

14 JANUARY 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	Led by Revd Katrina Jenkins at 9am at St George's Church (SG)
Preacher	Revd Katrina Jenkins
Reading, Prayers	Joan Trower, Revd Katrina Jenkins
Musician	Barbara Wadley
Parish Communion	Led by Revd Katrina Jenkins at 10.30am at Christ Church (CC)
Preacher	Revd Katrina Jenkins
Churchwarden	Jane Tyrrell
Sidespeople	Karen Sarkissian, Ivy Tang
Reading, Prayers	Sandra Argent, Jennifer Meade
Refreshments	Jennifer Meade, Sandra Argent
Musicians	Stuart Whatton, Oliver Macfarlane, Theo Tang

SERVICE MUSIC

Opening music	<i>Chorale Improvisation 'Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele'</i> (Karg-Elert)
SG & CC hymns	96, 104 (omit v4), 826
SG, CC settings	Addington, Coulson
Communion anthem	<i>Arise, shine</i> (Elvey)
Closing music	<i>Fanfare Allegro, from 4 Piezas para la Misa</i> (José Lidón)

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome to the Parish

The Parish of Esher is for everyone.

The two church buildings, Christ Church in Esher and St George's in West End, have been beacons of faith, hope and love in Esher for well over a century.

Generations have come through the doors to celebrate their marriages, welcome their new-borns and grieve their losses – all of it embraced by the beauty of the worship offered in these houses of prayer week in and week out.

On Sundays we explore the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition through words and music, silence and sacrament. Some of us grew up in church and have never left. Some of us grew out of church, but are testing the waters again. Some of us have more questions than answers. All of us belong here.

You can also check-out some of our services on YouTube to get a flavour of what we're about, or just come along some Sunday at 10.30am in Christ Church or at 9.00am in St George's West End.

Whether you join online or in person, we hope you'll find a community committed to a thoughtful Faith, a hard-won Hope, and a generous Love.

You are very welcome.

READING Acts 19.1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism. 'Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus. 'On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

ADDITIONAL LECTIONARY TEXTS

Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.'

Psalms 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday School - Today we're talking about the importance of our values and we'll be going over our Sunday School ones and those personal to us. We might even get time to do some 'Chalking the Doors' as we celebrate the new year with this early Christian tradition of blessing our homes.

Youth Group - A fantastic start to the new year with our wonderful Youth Group co-hort as we discovered how much our intuition tells us that we often don't hear. Plus we got to explore and flex our intuitive muscles with some powerful games. Watch out for some very connected young people!

Book Group - On Monday 22 January we'll discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. If you'd like to join us, just turn up or contact Revd Jonathan Andrew – 01372 464380 / jandrewesher@gmail.com

Parish Giving - Donate today via cash, the card machine in Christ Church or online by scanning the QR code on the little pew cards.

Darren - The Rector's Adoption Leave will continue until Tuesday 20 November 2024. For parish enquiries please contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

Holy Communion - The sacrament is distributed by 'simultaneous administration' – the priest touches the communion wafer in to the wine surface before giving it to the communicant.

'Zoom' Morning Prayer & Zoffee! - Morning Prayer continues each Thursday at 9.30am. To join please contact the Parish Office for the Zoom login details.

Parish Communications - To receive parish news, Sunday's pewsheets and order of service via email contact the Parish office.

Christ Church Barrier - The barrier is now fully functional again. As before, access to the car park is via the office intercom system or by using a card if you have one.

Candlemas Service - This service will be on Sunday 4 February at 6pm at Old St George's Church in Esher. Our Candlemas celebration recalls the day on which Jesus was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, and in our celebration we offer ourselves for cleansing. We celebrate both the joy of Jesus' coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. All welcome to join us for a reflective and atmospheric evening.

Music on the Green - The concert this coming Wednesday features Trio Sonorité with a programme of Beethoven, Milhaud and Mark-Anthony Turnage. Free entry and light lunch from 12.30pm. Concert from 1.15pm.

Weekly Organ Meditations - Barbara Wadley's organ series continues at St Mark's Church in Whiteley Village, KT12 4ES, with a musical journey through composers A-Z. Thursday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm. Free admission. Retiring collection for the historic organ. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.

Home for Ukrainian Family - Tetiana's friend has been in touch. It seems Kingston Council are providing Tetiana and her daughter with a flat which is good news. If you'd still like to provide help please contact the Parish Office.

Dementia Help - Elmbridge Dementia Services provides free daily respite care Monday to Friday, 10.30am-2.30pm. This service gives a much-needed break whilst loved ones are cared for by specialist staff. For more details please call EBC on 01372 474547 or email dementiaservices@elmbridge.gov.uk.

Winter Support - With winter here we need to look out for each other. For help go to: www.surreycc.gov.uk/adults/care-and-support/contact or contact our Pastoral Team.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: Elizabeth Arnold, Betty Walker, Michael Newbould, Gilly Barrett, Allen Palmer, Katherine S, Keith Howell-Jones, Gill Barnett, George Raine, Sebastian, Pam & Jim Green

RIP Anniversaries: Ivy Bagley, Jenny Willment, Michel Botibol, Penny Harrison, Brian Willey, Marjorie Dunnachie, Mary Teague, Betty Whitney, David Fairhead, Mike Barnett

RIP: John Treneman, Stuart Williams, John Bosten, Rosalind Moysen (Wilkes)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Readings for Morning Prayer taken from the Church of England Lectionary.

January		Time	Reading
Monday	15		Genesis 6.11-7.10, Ps 146, Matthew 24.1-14
Tuesday	16		Genesis 7.11-end, Psalm 132, Matthew 24.15-28
Wednesday	17		Genesis 8.1-14, Psalm 81, Matthew 24.29-end
Thursday	18	9.30-10.30am	Genesis 8.15-9.7, Psalm 76, Matthew 25.1-13
Friday	19		Genesis 9.8-19, Psalm 27, Matthew 25.14-30

LOOKING AHEAD

January		Time	Event
Sunday	14	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	15	7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	17	1.15pm	Music on the Green lunchtime concert: Trio Sonorité (clarinet, cello & piano)
		7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church
Thursday	18	All day	Parish Office closed
		9.30am	Morning Prayer, Zoom
Sunday	21	9am	Holy Communion, St George's Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion, Christ Church
Monday	22	4pm	Book Group, Christ Church
		7.15pm	Choir practice, Christ Church
Wednesday	24	7.45pm	Bellringing practice, Christ Church

CONTACTS

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	CHURCHWARDENS Helen Coulson & Jane Tyrrell	CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER Kathryn Chapman youth@esherparish.org.uk
	PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Melanie Williams OFFICE HOURS 9am to 3.15pm, Monday to Wednesday & Friday Please submit information and notices for inclusion in the Sunday pewsheets by midday on the preceding Wednesday. Thank you.	